



Business Recovery Status Report #11
Presidential Disaster #1763
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Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) (www.ciras.iastate.edu)

- CIRAS teams continue to offer solutions to assist manufacturers (total=17 companies) in exceeding pre-disaster production levels. Examples of assistance include facility layout, materials testing, and education on conducting business with federal, state and local agencies along with identifying current and future procurement opportunities for Iowa businesses.
- CIRAS is exploring opportunities/needs for hosting workshops to address common industry recovery challenges.

Inter-Agency Coordination Team (IACT) Meeting Update

- *Housing and Recovery Resource Coordination Partnerships* was the topic of this meeting which included a facilitated discussion aimed at bring the IACT focus directly onto coordinate housing recovery resource needs at the local level.
- Lt. Governor Patty Judge and IACT participants identified Action Steps to address some of the concerns identified during the facilitated discussion and agreed to specific tasks related to those concerns.
- ESF#14 Long Term Community Recovery (LTCR), in partnership with the Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) continues to attend meetings on a daily basis in each of the 10 communities receiving LTCR support, to identify LTCR needs and recovery solutions. Field Teams are working in partnership with regional planning commissions and Councils of Governments (COGs).
- IACT continues to encourage participation of those agencies, departments or organizations that can assist with Iowa recovery efforts in order to identify opportunities, create partnerships and maximize resources.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. in Des Moines at Iowa Workforce Development.

Iowa Workforce Development (www.iowaworkforce.org)

- Deadline for applying for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has been **extended to October 15** to give farmers additional time to assess their crop situation.
- Any Iowa Workforce Development Center can accept DUA claims or people can apply at www.iowaworkforce.org.

Iowa Department of Human Services (www.dhs.state.ia.us)

- **Project Recovery**
 - Many survivors of this year's disaster are dealing with delayed stress symptoms.
 - Iowa Department of Human Services launched Project Recovery Iowa, a disaster mental health program to empower survivors and guide them to resources.
 - For questions contact Karen Hyatt at 515-281-3128 or khyatt@dhs.state.ia.us.

Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) (www.rio.iowa.gov/)

- FEMA granted Governor's request to cover 90% of Iowa's disaster related costs.
- **Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC)**

- Will resume meetings on October 1, shifting focus to long-range recommendations. They will meet at the State Historical Building in Des Moines from 8:30-3:30pm.
- In Executive Order 7, Governor Culver charged the Commission with submitting a second report encompassing its comprehensive long-term vision for rebuilding a safer, stronger, and better Iowa.
- This report will be submitted to Governor Culver no later than November 17 – 120 days after the initial meeting of the RIAC.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) (www.sba.gov/floods/)

- SBA Application for Property Damage Deadline – September 29, 2008
- SBA Application for Economic Injury Deadline – February 27, 2009
- SBA Customer Service Representatives (CSR) staffing 1 fixed Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).
- Operating 6 Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) throughout the state.
 - SBA Customer Services Representatives are available at each location to meet with homeowners, renters, and non-farm businesses of all sizes to provide program information, help applicants complete paperwork and forms, and to close approved SBA disaster loans.
- SBA has staff at the Joint Field Office (JFO) to coordinate all needs with federal, state, and local partners. SBA has Communication Specialists in the Joint Information Center (JIC) and in the field to handle all SBA media and congressional inquiries.
- Continues to sponsor a Business Recovery Center (BRC) at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids, where SBA has assisted over **2,900** visitors at the center.
 - Available to answer specific questions about how a disaster loan may help each business and to help owners' complete business loan applications.
 - Sponsors the availability of multiple additional services at the BRC and there is no charge for any of the services.
 - Business owners may obtain assistance in applying for low-interest SBA Disaster Loans, and gain access to government contracts and procurement through SBA Government Contracting.
 - Iowa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" are providing assistance with reconstruction of lost financial records, development of business plans and cash flow projections, how to obtain lost tax returns and submit casualty loss claims on tax returns, adjusting to market changes as a result of the flooding, tornadoes and severe storms, and other post-disaster counseling services. These services are free and available by appointment.
 - The DRCs and the DLOCs have contact information on how businesses may obtain these same counseling services from their local SCORE chapter, regional SBDC office and the Iowa Women's Enterprise Center for businesses that may not be located near the Cedar Rapids BRC.

Iowa SBA Loan Approval Totals Statewide Current as of COB 9/18/2008		
	Applications Approved	Funding Approved
Home	2,866	\$149,553,200
Business/EIDL	543	\$77,426,500
Total	3,409	\$226,979,700

Donations and Volunteer Management

Iowa Aidmatrix Portal

To donate cash go to www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=Iowa. The organizations listed are members of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters and other nonprofit organizations assisting in the recovery efforts in Iowa.

To view the identified needs and donate products go to www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/FEMA/PublicPortal/ListOfNeeds.aspx?PortalID=113. To fill a need, select **donate** and complete the required information.

Embrace Iowa 2008 Disaster Fund

The 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund will NOT take the place of contributions to local agencies such as community foundations, United Ways or Red Cross Chapters; rather, the Fund will encourage local contributions and also provide a fund for those wishing to make statewide contributions.

To donate go to www.desmoinesfoundation.org/page10002684.cfm.

Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund

The Cedar Rapids Job & Small Business Recovery Fund provides financial assistance to a for-profit business (person or entity that sells good or services) or the owner of commercial property in Cedar Rapids that has sustained losses as a result of the flood.

To donate go to www.gcrctf.org. Select "Job & Small Business Recovery Fund" from the selection of flood funds.

To apply go to www.corridorrecovery.org/BusinessRecovery/BizRecoveryFundApplication.asp.

Alliant Energy Foundation – Rebuilding Our Communities Grant Program

Rebuilding Our Communities Grant Program will provide funds to non-profits in Alliant Energy communities that were directly affected by the recent flooding. The Foundation has allocated up to \$1 million for the program and groups can apply for up to \$20,000 in unrestricted funds to use for flood-related expenses. The Foundation will accept applications until October 1, 2008. Organizations may obtain an application and more information regarding Alliant Energy Foundation Rebuilding Our Communities Grant online at www.alliantenergy.com/foundation or by calling (608) 458-4483.

Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service

If you are interested in volunteering, register at <https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/icovs/volunteer/register/?id=>